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## HON. B. A. FOWLER

The Republican Candidate for Delegate to Congress.—The Work he has done for Arizona.

In Arizona the only candidate voted for by the electors at large is the delegate to congress. Though the territory is normally democratic, this year the republicans are confident of victory. They have made a good beginning to the campaign by the election of one of their strongest men as their candidate for delegate. The candidate, Benjamin Austin Fowler, has been a resident of Phoenix and Maricopa county since 1899. Coming with the expectation of developing a fruit farm, he was early confronted with the discouraging conditions of the long southwestern drouth. It was natural that he soon became identified with the movement in Arizona looking toward governmental development of the water supply. Elected to the legislature, he pushed through a bill permitting counties to co-operate with the engineers of the geological survey. He has been the president since its organization of the Salt River Valley Water Users' association, has been president of the Arizona Agricultural association, has served as a member of the executive committee of the National Irrigation association, in similar capacity with the Trans-Mississippi congress, and is a vice president of the American Forestry association. During the past four years he has spent much time in Washington, assisting the officials of the geological survey in the passage through congress of measures beneficial to the arid west, with especial reference to the needs of his home community.

The candidate was born in Stoneham, Mass., December 14, 1843. During the civil war he served in Louisiana, in the signal corps, under Gen. Dudley, participating in the actions before Fort Hudson and at Donaldsonville. He graduated from Yale in '68 for a while teaching school, but for the greater part of the time before coming to Arizona he was associated with a book publishing house, having residence at Boston, New York and Chicago. Sixteen years ago he was married to Miss Ella Francis Quinby, of Medford, Mass.

Mr. Fowler is a good and persuasive talker, and has shown himself a business man of remarkable force. To him is given a large part of the credit for so organizing the Salt River Valley Water User's association that it has been accepted by the interior department as a model for similar organizations elsewhere in the west.

Mr. Fowler has done more to promote the general welfare of the territory in the last few years than any other man—devoting as he has practically all his time in trying to get the government interested in appropriating large sums for building storage reservoirs for irrigation. The Tonto dam, now under course of construction, and employing 1000 men stands as a monument to his endeavor. Mr. Fowler is president of the Salt River Valley Water Users' association, and the articles drawn up by the government for similar contracts with water users,

where vast irrigation enterprises are on foot.

During the next few years probably \$8,000,000 will be expended by the government in Arizona in building storage dams and storage reservoirs, and there is no man better fitted to look after this business than Mr. Fowler.

In Washington Mr. Fowler stands well with the congressional leaders, and will be listened to when it comes to wanting something for the territory.

He stands absolutely for single statehood.

Mr. Fowler was elected to the legislature from Maricopa county before he was as well known as he is now, being the only republican member from that county.—Los Angeles Times.

## FLOOD AT SOLOMONVILLE

Many Houses Washed Away by the Waters Coming Down San Simon Valley.

Last Friday Solomonville was visited by one of the most destructive floods ever known in that section.

The flood came down the San Simon valley last Friday night and the entire town was submerged to a depth of from one to three feet.

The residence of C. E. Moorman was almost totally destroyed. It was an adobe building and the water ran around it to a depth of three feet or more and the back walls melted down and the roof of the house except that covering two front rooms fell in.

The home of ex-sheriff Ben Clark one of the best in Solomonville, also an adobe building, was washed entirely down. It was situated on the south border of the town and the nearest the San Simon wash.

The adobe wall which surrounded the jail at the court house was washed away and all over the town small adobe buildings and outhouses were carried away.

Solomonville is located just west of the San Simon wash, which enters the Gila river a short distance below town. Several years ago the citizens of the place spent several thousand dollars in building a levee for protection against the San Simon floods and waters, but sufficient water came down the valley Friday night to wash away the levee like so much sugar.

Wm. Emmons died yesterday at the Williams Hospital of apoplexy, after a short illness. Mr. Emmons came here several years ago with J. C. Brown and has been working for the different lumber interests in Northern Arizona continually since then. His only known relatives live at Ashton, Michigan his former home. The funeral will take place this afternoon from Button's undertaking parlors and the remains interred in the K. of P. cemetery.—News.

Amos Adams has a hard luck story. While out hunting in the canyon about two miles north of town the first of the week he succeeded in bringing down a deer, but before he could reach it the deer changed its mind and moved off along the trail. As the vision of juicy venison steak disappeared Amos became tired and disgusted, and now says he never did care much for venison, anyway. But for real good hard luck deer stories wait until, say, about Monday.—Williams News.

## MADE HIS ESCAPE

The Love Affairs of George Lewis Cause him to Leave Town Between Two Days—Too Many Widows.

George Lewis was arrested Wednesday evening on a warrant sworn out by Mrs. Anna Lawler a woman he had been living with as his wife, and a peculiar state of affairs was developed by the arrest.

Lewis came here early in the year from Colorado and found work in the bicycle store of P. C. Aston and afterward he started a shop of his own which he sold and purchased the Senate restaurant, which he ran up to the present trouble.

A few months after he came here he was joined by a woman whom he introduced as his wife, but under the present developments proved that she was not. She was then and now Mrs. Anna Lawler of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and where she has two grown daughters and is possessed of considerable property.

Everything went well with the couple until a few weeks ago when Lewis met and courted a Mrs. Aurelia Benson of Springfield, Mo., who was in Arizona for her health, and Lewis began to neglect his first love and finally persuaded her to leave for her Colorado home, but she was suspicious and only went to Winslow. Her suspicions were not without foundation for the next train brought her rival for the affections of Lewis here. Friends here sent word to Mrs. Lawler at Winslow and she returned to make it warm for Lewis and his arrest followed.

The hearing was set for Thursday afternoon, but before the trial Lewis promised to marry Mrs. Lawler the next day and he was allowed to go on his recognizance. During the night he changed his mind and left without leaving his address and so far he has not been located.

Mrs. Benson says that she met Lewis several weeks ago and she liked him and they were engaged to be married. She says that she did not know that Lewis was tied up with another woman, and now while she still loves him she will have nothing to do with him.

Mrs. Lawler is still here and wants to see Lewis prosecuted and now believes that the time spent with him has been wasted, and regrets her actions which have placed her in a questionable position with no hope of having Lewis marry her.

## Gone on a Vacation.

F. S. Breen, supervisor of the San Francisco mountains, Black Mesa and Grand Canyon forest reserves, left yesterday on his annual vacation which he will spend at his old home near Chicago, Ill. He will be absent for thirty days and will cast his vote for Roosevelt.

Mr. Breen has been requested by Mr. Gifford Pinchot to deliver an address before the National Irrigation Convention which meets in El Paso next month and he will probably accede to the request.

Matthew M. Murphy, the newly appointed agent for the Western Navajo agency came up from Phoenix last night, and will leave today for the reservation.

## Lee Newman Hurt.

Thursday Lee Newman met with an accident that will lay him up for a long time if it does not prove fatal.

He was hauling logs for the Dennis lumber company at Rhoades when the loaded wagon turned over and a projecting log struck him knocking him from his horse; he was riding one of the wheel horses. He received a blow above the heart and three ribs were broken.

Dr. Adams attended to the injured man and made him as comfortable as possible.

J. S. Wright and Frank Leslie brought Mr. Newman to this place and he is at the residence of the latter where everything is being done for his comfort.

J. G. and Leo Verkamp left Monday on a visit to the St. Louis fair and their old home in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Among the Williams visitors to the county seat this week were: C. E. Boyce, F. O. Polson, J. Salzman, C. C. Hutchison.

The sheepmen have started their herds south, and they will all be off the forest reserve by the first of the month.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church will give a dinner on election day, November 8. Come and get a good "square meal."

Sam Black returned this week from Agua Coliente Springs where he had been trying the waters of that spring for an attack of rheumatism.

W. H. Power and wife who have been visiting relatives in Chicago and Peoria, Illinois, for the past three months, returned home yesterday.

W. L. Clark and wife of Jerome are visitors here. Mr. Clark is manager of the United Verde copper mines. He is not a relative of Senator Clark although of the same name, and he is also from Montana.

Wiley W. Williams and family returned Wednesday from Long Beach, Cal., where they have been spending several months for the benefit of their health. The California climate proved of but little help to them.

The republican candidates returned today from a trip through the towns between here and Williams and the logging camps near the latter place. From now on the campaign will be lively and the candidates will be busy.

Mrs. McMillan complains that during entertainments in her hall of being annoyed by boys who disturb the patrons of hall by hideous noises and they even break the windows. She desires the perpetrators to take due notice as she will in future prosecute the offenders.

John M. Clark is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Clark. He is an old Flagstaff boy who left here seven years ago to take a position at the Territorial Prison at Yuma as guard. He has returned to the place ever since and is now on his annual vacation. He says that Yuma is prospering and with the new irrigation scheme successfully carried out that section will progress rapidly.